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To: Wedding Permit Applicant

Thank you for contacting Grand Canyon National Park regarding your wedding. We know that this is a special time for you. Enclosed is a packet of information along with a Special Use Permit application for weddings at Grand Canyon. Please review the information carefully.

To reserve your wedding date, please return the Special Use Permit application along with the applicable fee to the address above. Please indicate on your application your first and second choices for dates and times, as all sites are reserved on a first come, first served basis. **For weddings scheduled to take place from August 15, 2006 forward a new permit fee schedule is in effect. The fees are as follows: \$150.00 for weddings at all sites except Shoshone and the Shrine. \$225.00 for weddings at Shoshone and \$175.00 for weddings at the Shrine of the Ages.**

Please note that Grandeur Point is not able to be reserved for weddings from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily. West Rim Worship site is not able to be reserved for weddings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Once your application and fee are received your wedding date will be reserved.

I will return a permit to you for your signature. Once you have signed the permit and returned it to me, it will be signed by an authorized park representative and only then will it become valid. The completed permit will be sent back to you for your use. The total permit processing time takes two to four weeks.

## WEDDING POINTS AND INFORMATION

### POINTS AVAILABLE

**Grandeur Point** is located on the Rim Trail just west of Yavapai Point. This is a maximum of 45 people allowed, but smaller weddings are encouraged (this is a high visibility site and the wedding may not interfere with the Rim Trail; hikers always have the right of way. The closest parking is at Yavapai Point, but parking is very limited. This site is available all year round.

**Lipan Point** is located on the East Rim drive and is available year round. It is located 21.2 miles east of Park Headquarters; the wedding capacity site is on the right side of the parking lot (on gravel) facing Desert View. The maximum capacity is 35 people, but it is best for small weddings.

**Moran Point** is located on the East Rim drive and is available year round. It is located 16.3 miles east of Park Headquarters. There is a nice flat area 50-ft to the left (west) of the viewpoint but no handrail (use caution). This is a handrail at the point itself, and a view of the river. One drawback is that concession tour buses sometimes use this point as a stop on their tours. The maximum number of people is 35; it's best for smaller weddings.

**Pima Point** is located on Hermit Road, formerly known as West Rim Drive. It is available during winter months only, when the road is open to private vehicles. It is best for smaller weddings.

**Shoshone Point** is available May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required and there is a use fee of \$25.00 up to \$100.00, based on the number of people (85 maximum). It is available for day use only, between sunrise and 12 midnight; no overnight camping is allowed. Visitors should not make final plans for use of Shoshone Point until they have received confirmation from the park. An unimproved direct road leads to this isolated area with spectacular views of Grand Canyon. The site features picnic tables, grills, a fire pit, trashcans and portable potties, but no water, electricity or covered shelters. Shoshone Point is subject to unpredictable weather and no more than 15 vehicles may be parked right at the event area. Larger groups may want to arrange shuttles from the parking area near the gate. Fires may be restricted during the driest weeks of spring and summer; check with the park for current status. Visitors must bring their own firewood; wood collecting is not allowed anywhere in the park. They also need to bring their own water to extinguish the fires. The reservation does not guarantee the exclusive use of Shoshone Point. Hikers may pass through your event as they walk along the rim or to Shoshone Point.

**West Rim Worship Site** is located at the very beginning of the West Rim. The maximum group size is 35-50 people, but smaller groups are encouraged. Visitors must park at the Bright Angel Lodge and walk from that location. The site is available year round; the wedding must not interfere with the West Rim Trail; hikers always have the right of way.

**National Park Service**  
**Grand Canyon National Park**  
**P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023**  
**Application for Special Use Permit**

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** Allow at least four (4) business days for processing. A non-refundable processing fee may be required to accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. (Note: there may be additional fees charged, and you **may** be required to provide proof of liability insurance.)

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram):

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Requested Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Event set up will begin	Event will begin	Event will end	Removal will be done:

Maximum Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment) \_\_\_\_\_

Support Personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights?	Y	N
Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area?	Y	N
Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release?	Y	N
Will you distribute printed material?	Y	N
Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?(if yes explain on separate sheet)	Y	N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$150.00 for weddings, \$225.00 for Shoshone Point, \$175.00 for the Shrine of the Ages, and \$150.00 for special events, made payable to **National Park Service**. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to Special Use Permits, Grand Canyon National Park, Division of Concessions, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023.*

**Note** that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct a filming project or any other use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable conditions and regulations will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed and returned to the park prior to the event.

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*The above application form is provided with the understanding that parks will insert appropriate park names and addresses and the amount of the application fee as desired.*

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. All the applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240